

MY

6

Love STORY!!



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ARUKO

Art



Shojo Beat

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STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Makoto Sunakawa! All that changes when Takeo saves Rinko Yamato from a groper on the train, and she becomes his girlfriend.

Girls other than Yamato have noticed Takeo's charms, like Sunakawa's older sister Ai and Takeo's classmate Saijo. When Saijo, who's taken to calling Takeo "Coach," tells Takeo how she really feels about him, Takeo realizes just how much he loves Yamato. He thanks Saijo for continuing to be his friend despite the fact that he can't return her feelings.

When Yamato kisses Takeo for the first time, his eyes are closed and he... doesn't notice. But once Sunakawa clues him in, Takeo immediately runs to Yamato's place for a do-over! His birthday—the day of their first kiss—is one they'll never forget.

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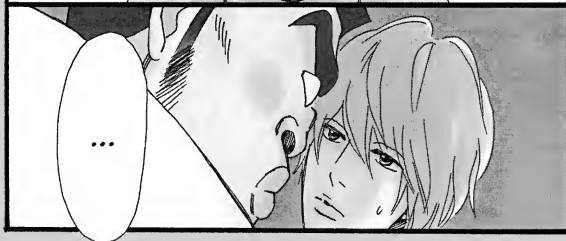
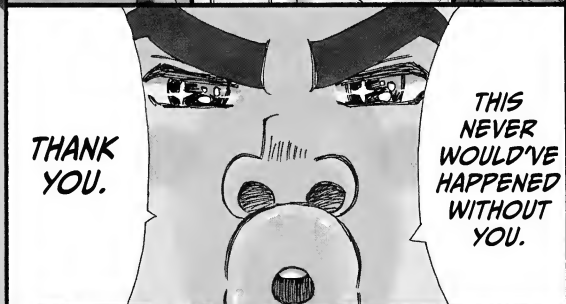
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Hello! Thank you for picking up
My Love Story!! volume 6. I have a lot of fun
writing the story, and I'm looking forward to
seeing the cover art for the graphic novel!
The one for volume 5 was so wonderful!

I'm impressed by
how Takeo can wear
pretty much anything.
I laugh when I
first see him, but
then he gradually
starts to
look kinda cool.
Strange,
huh?



I hope you all enjoy it!
Kazune Kawahara



It's volume 6! Thank you so much!



I'm always excited when I'm drawing
this series. I'm very glad to be working on it.
Kawahara Sensei sometimes draws really cute
pictures of Takeo, Yamato and Sunakawa.

I love them! I hope to see you again



in the next volume.

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Aruko



A shojo manga artist who can't draw flowers...







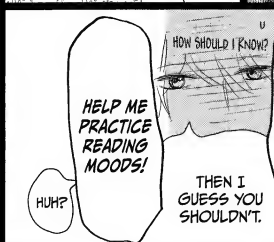
HOW
SHOULD
I
HANDLE
DOING
IT
AGAIN?



YOU'RE
A REALLY
GREAT
GUY!

WELL,
I'M
GLAD
YOU'RE
HAPPY—

YOU'RE
BEING
TOO
LOUD.



HUH?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

THEN I
GUESS YOU
SHOULDN'T.

BUT
WHAT IF
SHE ISN'T
IN THE
MOOD TO
BE KISSED
?!



THAT
MAKES
SENSE!

LOOK,
MAYBE
JUST DO
IT ON
SPECIAL
OCCA-
SIONS.



THE NEXT
ONE IS...
VALENTINE'S
DAY?



SHOW ME
A MOOD!
I'LL TRY
TO TELL
IF YOU'RE
OKAY
WITH IT
OR NOT!





*SAFE BIRTH CHARM



**THANK
YOU!**

OH!



OH,
BY
THE
WAY!
I BOUGHT
THIS FOR
YOUR MOM
ON NEW
YEAR'S...

...BUT I
COMPLETELY
FORGOT TO
GIVE IT TO
HER.



**I LOVE
HER SO
MUCH!**

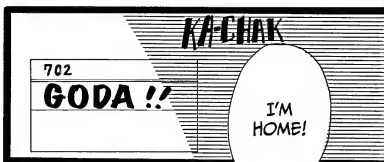
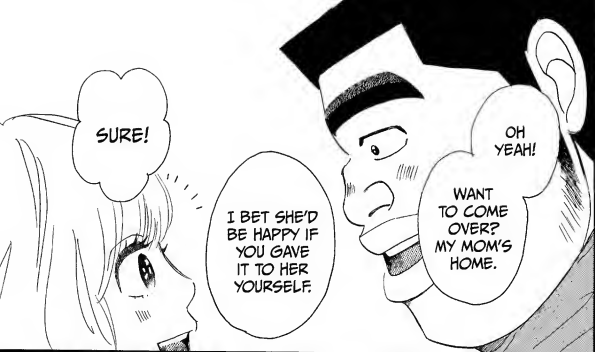


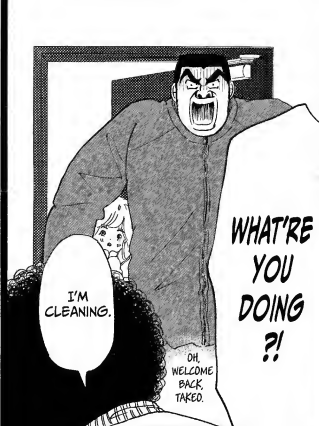
IT
WAS JUST
SUCH...

...AN
OVER-
WHELMING
DAY...



**I
FEEL
THE
SAME
WAY.**





I'M
CLEANING.

OH,
WELCOME
BACK,
TAKED.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
?!



SCRUB

HUP!

SCRUB

HUP!

SCRUB

HUP!



HELLO!

HELLO,
MISS
YAMATO.



WHEN
I WAS
BORN
?!



NOT
TO WORRY.
I DID STUFF
LIKE THIS
RIGHT UP UNTIL
YOU WERE
BORN TOO.



SNATCH

SNATCH

CUT
IT OUT!
IT'S TOO
MUCH
WORK!



HUH?
SURE.

SORRY,
YAMATO, BUT
COULD YOU
WAIT FOR
ME?



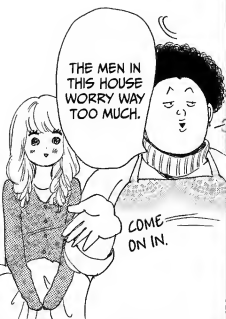
I'LL
DO
IT!

ABOUT
22
POUNDS.

HOW
HEAVY
IS
THAT?

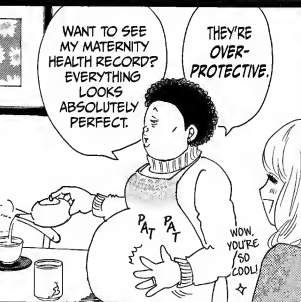
RICE
?!

WELL, I'M
GOING TO
BUY SOME
RICE.

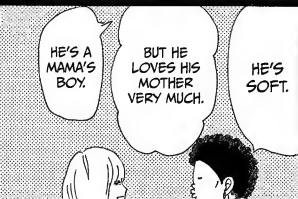
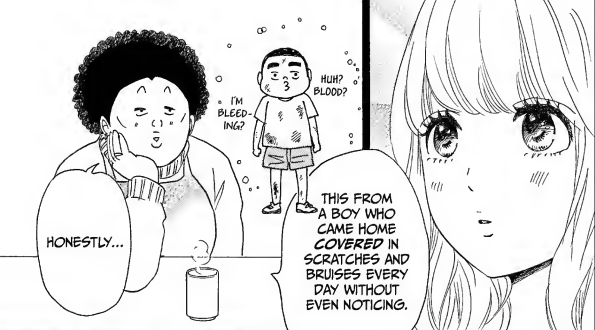


THEN COULD YOU ALSO SWING BY THE STORE NEAR THE STATION AND GET SOME DAIKON, MILK, JAPANESE SQUASH AND SOY SAUCE?

YOU WERE GOING TO BUY ALL THAT?!







WHEN A BABY IS A MONTH OLD, YOU BRING THEM IN FOR A CHECKUP, AND THEY GET WEIGHED AND MEASURED.

HE WEIGHED NINE AND A HALF POUNDS WHEN HE WAS BORN. I GOT A ROUND OF APPLAUSE IN THE DELIVERY ROOM!

HA
HA
HA!

OH,
WOW!

I'M
HOME!

HA
HA
HA!

TAKEO!

OH!

LOOKS
LIKE
THEY'RE
HAVING
FUN.

WELCOME
BACK.

JUST
LIKE
THAT.

HM?
WHAT'S
THE
LION
KING?

LIKE
IN THE
LION
KING?!

ONE OF
THE NURSES
LIFTED
TAKEO UP
OVER HER
HEAD
AND SAID,
"WE'VE GOT
A SUMO
CHAMP
HERE!"

WELL,
I'M OFF
TO THE
HOSPITAL
FOR MY
CHECKUP.

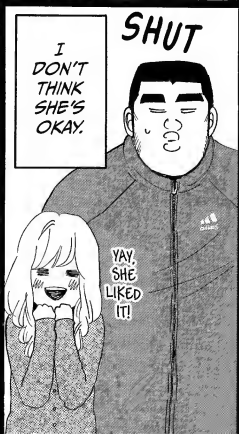
GOOD
GRIEF...

OKAY.
WATCH
YOUR
STEP.

DID YOU
SPEND ALL
THE MONEY
IN MY
WALLET
?

I'M
STOCKING
UP.

HOW
MANY
BAGS
OF RICE
DID YOU
BUY?!



SEE HOW
ENERGETIC
I GREW UP
TO BE?

I DO
SEE.

I WAS
SO SMALL
MY PARENTS
COULDN'T TAKE
ME HOME RIGHT
AWAY WHEN
MOM WAS
DISCHARGED.

I WAS
PREMATURE.

I ONLY
WEIGHED
FOUR AND A
HALF POUNDS,
SO THEY
HAD TO PUT
ME IN AN
INCUBATOR.

SO THAT'S
MY FAMILY—
MY PARENTS,
NORI AND
ME.

OH,
AND OUR
DOG,
PERO.

HA HA!
I GUESS
I'VE NEVER
TOLD YOU
ABOUT
HER.
HER NAME'S
NORIKO. SHE'S
IN HER FIRST
YEAR OF MIDDLE
SCHOOL. I CALL
HER NORI!

I DIDN'T
KNOW
ANY OF
THIS!

HE'S
SMALL AND
WHITE, LIKE
AN OLD MAN
ALREADY.

WHAT
KIND OF
DOG IS
PERO?

YEAH!

THAT'S
GOOD.

I'M SO
EXCITED
ABOUT
THE BABY.
I LOVE
BABIES!

THAT'S
REALLY
GOOD.

YOU
DO?!

YOU KNOW
I HAVE
A LITTLE
SISTER,
RIGHT?



MY PARENTS
SCOLDED ME
FOR TRYING
TO FEED
HER WITH A
TOY BABY
BOTTLE.

...BUT I
WASN'T
ALLOWED
TO HOLD
HER
BECAUSE I
WAS TOO
LITTLE
TO DO IT
SAFELY.

I WAS
REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO MEETING
HER...

I
REMEMBER
WHEN MY
SISTER
WAS
BORN.
I
WAS
SO
HAPPY!



UH...
COMMUNUCA...
COMMUCA...

I JUST
WANTED TO
COMMUNUCATE...

I DIDN'T
KNOW
YAMATO
HAD THIS
MISCHIEVOUS
SIDE...

THAT'S
NO
GOOD.

I TRIED TO
CARRY HER
AROUND IN
SECRET,
BUT SHE
COULDN'T
HOLD HER
HEAD UP
YET...

I
KNOW.
ハハハ
ヘヘヘ



AFTER MY
MOM HAS
THIS BABY,
YOU CAN
HOLD IT.

COMMUNI-
CATE!

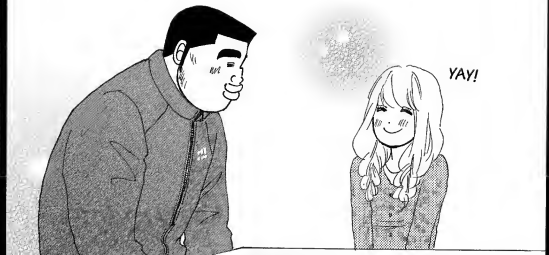
I
SAID
IT!

WITH
THE
BABY.

IT
DOES!

OH
NO!

IT KEEPS
COMING
OUT
WRONG.



YAY!



BOW

OH,
HELLO.



DON'T FORGET
THAT. BE CARE-
FUL.

BUT YOU'RE
ON THE OLDER
SIDE.

GOT
IT!



MEAN-
WHILE
...

WELL,
YOU'RE
IN GREAT
HEALTH!

OBSTETRICS
→



ACTUALLY,
WE WANTED
TO HAVE A
SECOND ONE
SOON AFTER
HIM, BUT IT
WAS TRICKY.

OH,
YES.



MOM!

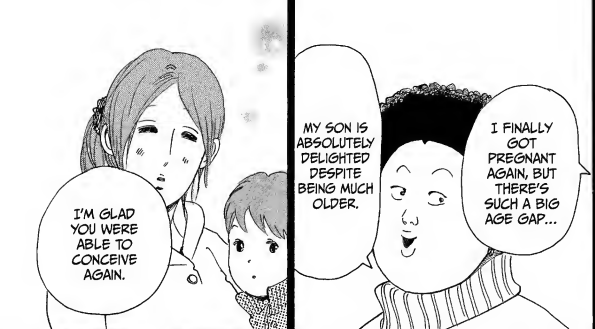
DON'T
RUN IN
HERE,
HONEY.

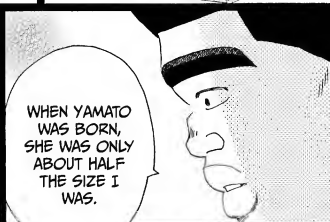
THE
OLDER
BROTHER-
TO-BE?



ARE
YOU DUE
SOON?

YES, BUT I
SEEM TO
BE A BIT
ANEMIC.
EVEN
THOUGH
I TOOK
SUPPLE-
MENTS.







REMEMBER,
DON'T TAKE
THINGS FOR
GRANTED.

IT'S NOT A
GIVEN THAT
ALL BABIES
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
GROW UP.



I
WILL.



I DON'T
KNOW THE
GENDER
YET, BUT
TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
BROTHER
OR SISTER.



W-NO! NO! NO!
I'LL CLEAN
THE TUB
FOR YOU,
DARLING.



THAT'S
A WEIRD
THING
TO
FOR-
GET!

I'M
HOME!



OH, I
FORGOT.

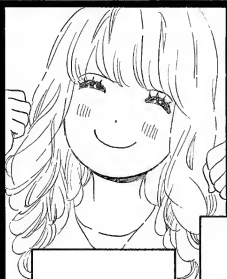
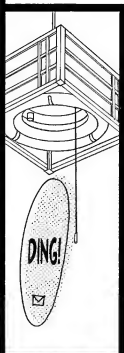
BY THE WAY,
MOM, DID YOU
BUY ANY BABY
CLOTHES?

✉ From: Yamato

This is me, 100 days old! ☺



Pretty tiny, huh?



I'M GLAD
SHE GOT
BIGGER.



SHE'S SO
SMALL...

IS
SHE AN
ANGEL
?!

WHAT
THE-
?!



I'VE
NEVER
GIVEN
ANY OF
THAT MUCH
THOUGHT.

I'VE NEVER
REALLY
BEEN SICK
EITHER.

...BIGGER
THAN
AVERAGE
WHEN
I WAS
BORN.

I
WAS...



I STILL
THINK OF
HIM AS
A KID.

NO
MATTER
HOW OLD
HE GETS.

...TAKEO IS
ONE LUCKY
KID.

WITH
A KIND
FRIEND
LIKE
YOU...

IT'S
BECAUSE
HE'S A
GOOD
GUY.

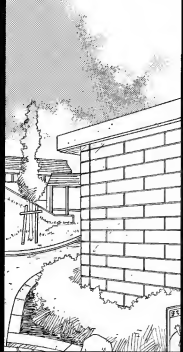
I HOPE THIS
BABY WILL
HAVE GOOD
FRIENDS
TOO.



SINCE IT'S
JANUARY, I
MADE MOCHI*
WAFFLES!

HI,
TAKEO!

*NOTE: MOCHI IS EATEN AROUND THE NEW YEAR IN JAPAN.



WHEN I WAS A KID,
I SAW MY MOM
CHOP STALE NEW
YEAR'S MOCHI
WITH HER BARE
HANDS. IT WAS
IMPRESSIVE!

REALLY

!!

HOW
SHOULD
I EAT
THIS?

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
MOCHI
USED
THIS
WAY.

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED
TO MAKE
SWEETS
USING
MOCHI.

IN
AWE

IT'S
NOT A
USEFUL
SKILL.

BUT
THESE
DAYS I
CAN DO
THAT
TOO.

YEAH! IT
TOTALLY
IS!

IT
IS?

THAT'S
AMAZING!



TALKING
TO YOUR
MOM WAS
SO MUCH
FUN!

OH?
THAT'S
GOOD.

F S H

S I Z Z L E

F S H

S I Z Z L E

I
DON'T
THINK I
CAN.

LIKE
WHAT?

I
SEE.

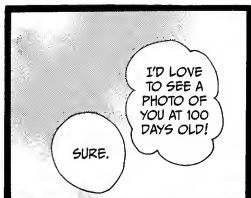
I HEARD
LOTS OF
STORIES
ABOUT WHEN
YOU WERE
LITTLE.

I WONDER
IF YOU'LL HAVE
A BROTHER
OR A SISTER.
I WANT TO
MEET THE
BABY SOON!

AW...
THAT'S
GREAT!

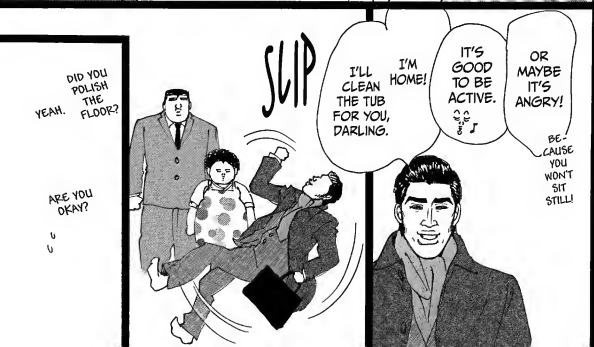
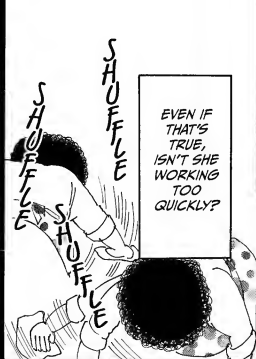
OH!
THANKS
FOR
GIVING MY
MOM THAT
CHARM.

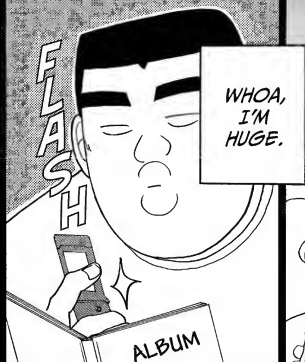
SHE
REALLY
LIKES
IT. SHE
CARRIES
IT IN HER
BAG.



ME
TOO.





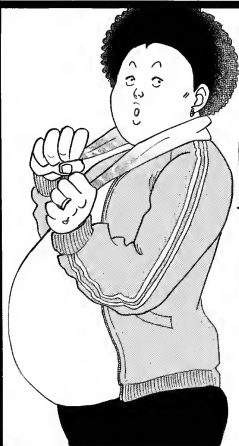


✉ To: Yamato

This is me at
100 days old.



Takeo's 100th Day
Celebration



WELL,
I'M
HEADING
OUT FOR
A BIT.

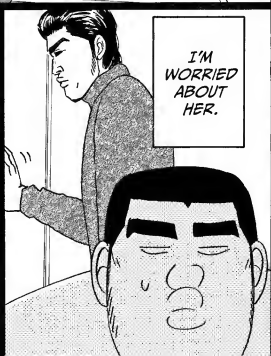
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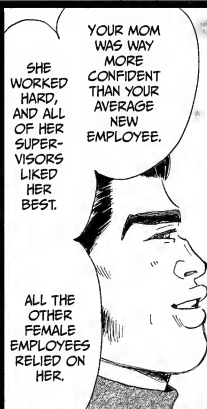
♡♡♡ You're so cute!!! ♡♡

You're so round ♡♡♡
and cute!!! ♡♡♡♡♡

CUTE,
HUH?

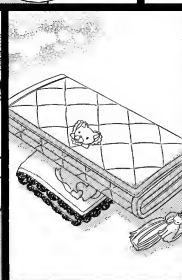
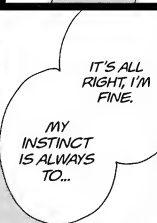
HM.





*A SEAFOOD BROTH STEAMED AND SERVED IN EARTHENWARE







...I FELT
LIKE
I'D MET
SOMEONE
I COULD
NAVIGATE
LIFE'S
STORMY
SEAS
WITH!



LET'S
GO FOR
A DRIVE.
MISS
TAKENAKA

YOU'RE SO
POWER-
FUL!

WOW,
LOOK
AT IT
GO!

POW

CARE
TO GO
GOLFING,
MISS
TAKENAKA?



YURIKO...
YOU MAKE
ME WANT TO
PROTECT
YOU.



SO I'VE
NEVER *HAD*
THE CHANCE
TO PROTECT
HER.



YOUR
MOTHER
IS VERY
STRONG.



IT
WORRIES
ME.

... CARE MORE
ABOUT OTHER
PEOPLE THAN
YOURSELVES.

YOU AND
YOUR
MOM
BOTH
TEND
TO...



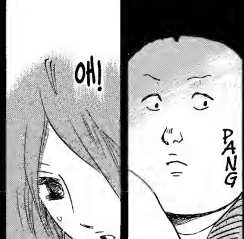
I
WILL.

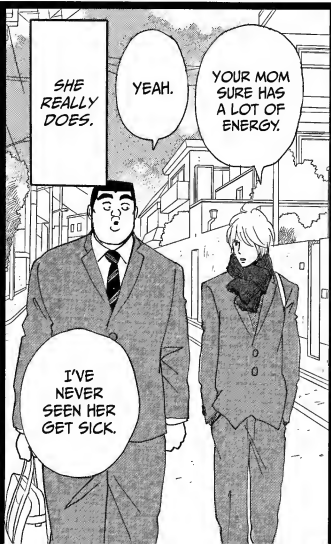
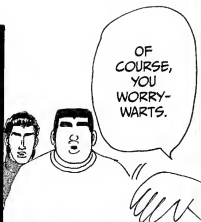


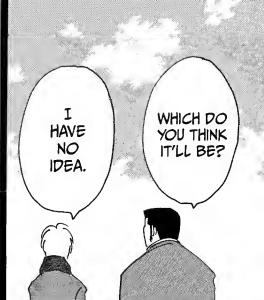
TAKEO...

LOOK
AFTER
YOUR
MOM.











I'LL TRY
EXPOSING
THE BABY
TO SOME
ENGLISH.

CONSIDERING
YOUR FAMILY,
YOUR SIBLING
WILL PROBABLY
BE PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE ENOUGH,
NATURALLY...

I HEAR IT'S
GOOD FOR
A BABY TO
LISTEN TO
ENGLISH UNTIL
IT'S THREE.
WONDER IF
THAT'S TRUE?

WHAT
ABOUT
IT?



IT'S JUST
SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN
WANTING TO
TRY.

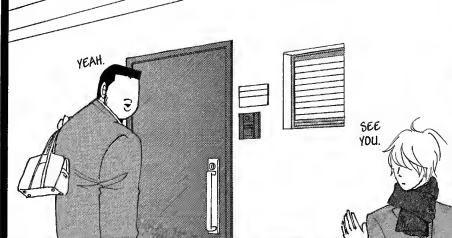
WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO
WITH MY
SIBLING?



WELL,
I DON'T
MIND.

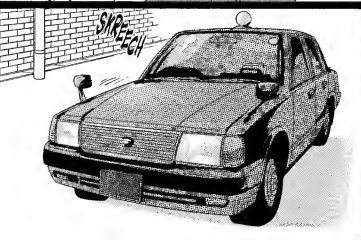


MAYBE
HE OR
SHE WILL
LEARN
TO SPEAK
ENGLISH
EASILY.











A black and white illustration showing a man in a suit and a woman standing next to a dark-colored car. The man is looking down at the woman, who is looking towards the car. The car has a light on its roof. The background shows some foliage.

MOM...



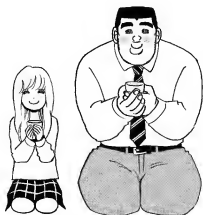
A large black and white illustration of a man in a suit and tie, looking serious and determined. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is a simple line drawing of a car interior.

DAD'S
AT
WORK.

SO
I'VE GOT
TO TAKE
CHARGE.



MY Love **STORY!!**







ZOOM

I'VE
ALREADY
PAID THE
DRIVER.



TAKEO, I
FORGOT
MY WALLET
AT HOME.

**I'LL
GO
GET
IT.**

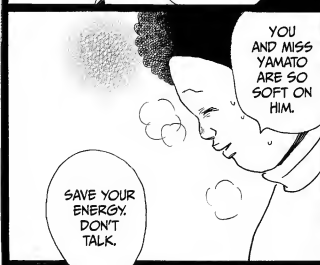


I'M FINE.
I CAN
WALK.



THAT'S
THE
GREAT
THING
ABOUT
TAKEO.

HONESTLY,
I WISH HE'D
CALM DOWN
A LITTLE.



SAVE YOUR
ENERGY.
DON'T
TALK.

YOU
AND MISS
YAMATO
ARE SO
SOFT ON
HIM.



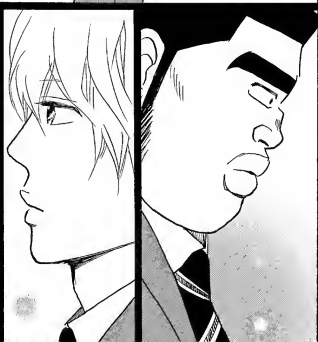
YOU'RE SO
RELIABLE,
MAKOTO.

TAKEO'S
NOT LIKE—

**WHERE
DID YOU
LEAVE
IT?**

ON MY
DRESSER.

**GOT
IT.**





I'VE
NEVER
SEEN HER
LIKE THIS
BEFORE.

YEAH.

YEAH.



SHE'S
USUALLY SO
FULL OF
ENERGY.

...ARE
ALL
RIGHT.

...AND MY
YOUNGER
BROTHER
OR
SISTER...

I
HOPE
THAT
MY
MOM
...

RATTLE

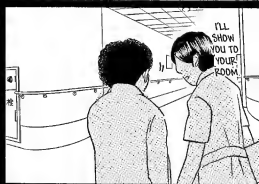


"IT'S NOT A
GIVEN THAT ALL
BABIES HAVE
THE CHANCE
TO GROW UP.
REMEMBER,
DON'T TAKE
THINGS FOR
GRANTED."

IT'S
OKAY.

SORRY.

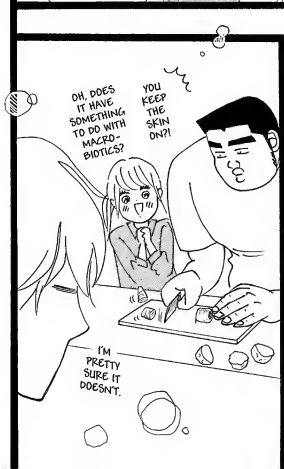
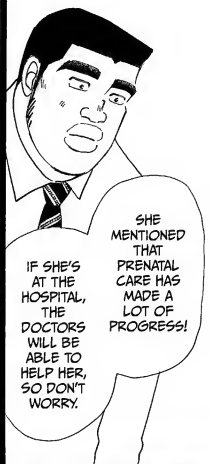












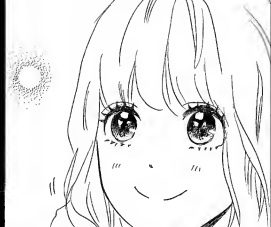


AND THAT'S NOT WHERE YOU POUR IT IN.

WHAT?!

TAKED, THAT'S BLEACH.





YOU DON'T
NEED TO
WALK ME
HOME.
STAY
HERE.
OKAY?

OKAY.

WELL,
I'LL GET
GOING
NOW.



THANK
YOU!

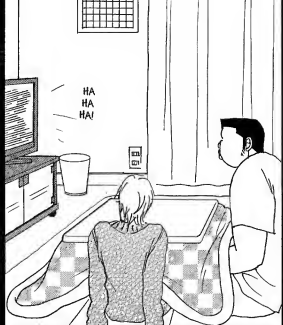
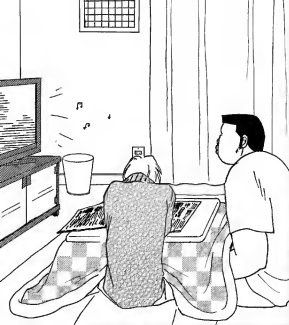


IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
GIVE ME A
CALL.

I'LL
COME
RIGHT
OVER.



SURE
THING.



THEY'RE
BOTH FINE.
DON'T
WORRY.

WHY DON'T
YOU VISIT
THEM AFTER
SCHOOL
TOMORROW?

YOU
WENT
TO THE
HOSPITAL,
RIGHT?
HOW'S
MOM?

AND
HOW'S
THE
BABY?!

HEY,
THERE'S
CURRY.
DID YOU
MAKE THIS?

NOPE,
IT WAS
YAMATO.

I
SEE.

IT'S SO
PATHETIC.

BUT I
HAVEN'T
DONE
ANYTHING
TO HELP.

I'M REALLY
GLAD YOU'RE
AROUND.

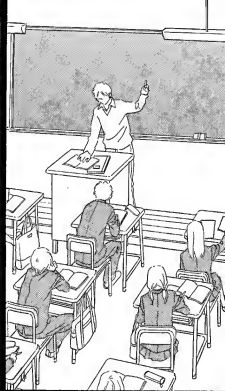
OKAY!

"THERE'S
ANOTHER
WOMAN
WHOSE
BABY'S DUE
AROUND THE
SAME TIME
AS OURS."

I NEED
TO BE
RELIABLE.

YAMATO
AND SUNA
CAME OVER
BECAUSE
THEY WERE
WORRIED
ABOUT ME.





Re:
I'm heading to the
hospital right now.
Sorry.
We finished the
curry.

Re: Re:
Do you mind if
I come to the
hospital too??

Re: Re: Re:
Not at all!
My mom would
love it.

Re: Re: Re: Re:
Really 00
I'll be there 00

MAYBE
IT'S
FROM
THE
HOSPITAL!

FW
IP

✉ From: Yamato

Is it okay if I
come over again?
Is there
any curry left??

YAMATO...

DING!



RELIABLE.
I'VE GOT
TO BE
RELIABLE.

203

I'M
COMING
IN!

HELLO!

SORRY.

YOU
CAN'T
RUN IN
HERE,
YOUNG
MAN.







COULD
YOU GET
ME SOME
WATER?

IS THERE
ANYTHING
I CAN DO
WHILE I'M
HERE?

GOT
IT!

THERE'S A
VENDING
MACHINE
DOWN-
STAIRS.

BUT SHE
LOOKS
SO PALE.



RIGHT.

SHE'S
NOT
SICK.

SHE'S
SWEATING
TOO.



GIVING
BIRTH MUST
BE PRETTY
ROUGH.



I DON'T
TOTALLY
UNDERSTAND
HOW IT
WORKS...

...BUT
THERE'S
A LITTLE
PERSON
IN THERE
WHO HAS TO
COME OUT.

...GOT
TO BE
RELIABLE.

TAKED,
LOOK
AFTER
YOUR
MOM.

YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE A BIG
BROTHER
IN A
MONTH!

KACH
UNK
K

I'VE...

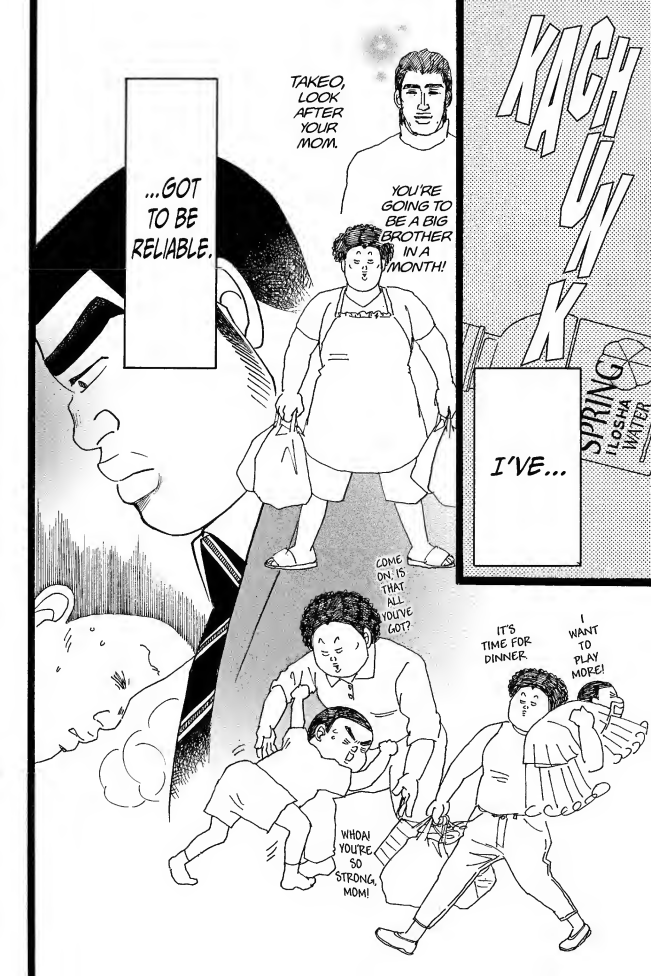
SPRING
ILOSHA
WATER

COME
ON. IS
THAT
ALL
YOU'VE
GOT?

IT'S
TIME FOR
DINNER.

I
WANT
TO
PLAY
MORE!

WHOA!
YOU'RE
SO
STRONG,
MOM!



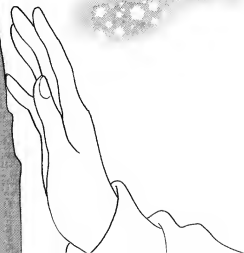


ISN'T
THERE
ANY-
THING
I CAN
DO?

WILL
MY MOM
AND THE
BABY...



...BE ALL
RIGHT?





YAMATO...

TAKEO!

HOW'S
YOUR
MOM?



SUNA...

HER
ROOM'S
ON THE
SECOND
FLOOR,
RIGHT?

YEAH.



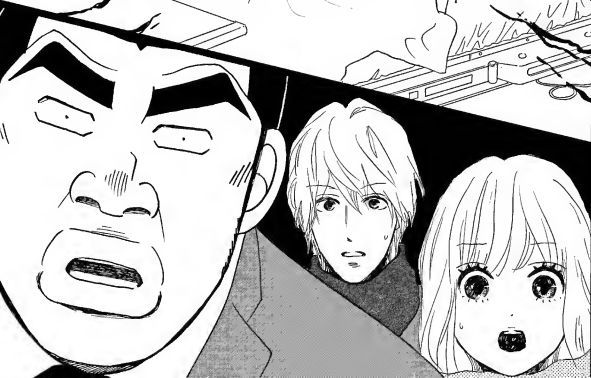
IT'LL BE
ALL RIGHT!
I'M WITH
YOU.



I'M
NOT
A KID
ANY-
MORE.

I'M
PATHETIC.

MOM AND
THE BABY
ARE THE
ONES
HAVING A
HARD TIME
RIGHT
NOW.





GOT IT! THIS BUTTON, RIGHT?!

TAKEO, THE NURSE CALL IS OVER HERE.

OH! OKAY!



TAKEO ...

THE CONTRACTIONS... REALLY HURT...

I CAN'T WALK...

CALL A NURSE FOR ME, PLEASE.



YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, MOM!

SHE CAN'T WALK, SO PLEASE BRING A WHEEL-CHAIR.

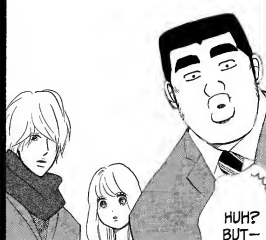
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.



YES? HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

WE NEED YOU RIGHT AWAY! THE BABY'S COMING!





HUH?
BUT—



TAKE
THE
WOMAN
BESIDE
ME FIRST.

IT'S HER
FIRST
PREGNANCY,
SO SHE'S
SCARED.



HOW'RE
YOU
FEELING
?

I
BROUGHT
YOU A
WHEEL-
CHAIR,
MRS.
GODA.

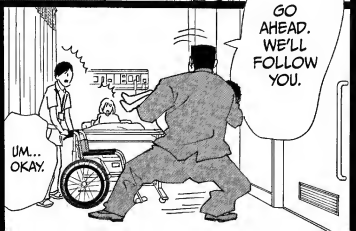


WILL
YOU
BE ALL
RIGHT,
MRS.
GODA?

NEVER
MIND
ME.



HOIST





PLUS,
MOM AND
DAD ARE
WAITING
FOR YOU.

THEY'RE
BOTH
WONDERFUL
PEOPLE.

YOU HAVE
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT WHEN
YOU COME
OUT.

MY FRIEND
AND
GIRLFRIEND
WANT TO
MEET YOU
TOO!

OH!
MRS.
GODA!

WILL
DO!

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH FOR
SAVING ME
THE OTHER
DAY.

HANG IN
THERE,
MRS.
GODA!

...AND
IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO YOU!

I HAD A
HEALTHY
BABY
YESTER-
DAY...





*SAFE BIRTH CHARM



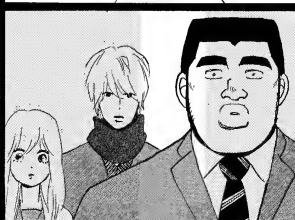
THIS ONE, RIGHT?

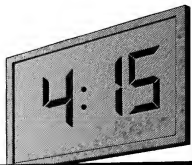
YEP, THAT'S IT. THANKS.

THAT WAS FAST!

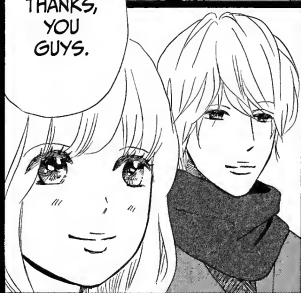


WELL, I'M GOING TO HAVE A BABY. SEE YOU SOON!





THANKS,
YOU
GUYS.



WAAAAAAAAAH!



**THAT
WAS
FAST!**

**EVERY-
THING WENT
SMOOTHLY!**

HUH?

**CONGRATU-
LATIONS,
MR. GODA!**

**IT'S A GIRL!
SHE WEIGHS
NINE POUNDS
AND FOUR
OUNCES.**

**I'M HAPPY
FOR YOU!
CONGRATU-
LATIONS ON
BECOMING
A FATHER.**

**THANK
YOU,
THANK
YOU!**

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!!**

**BUT HE'S
NOT THE
FATHER.**

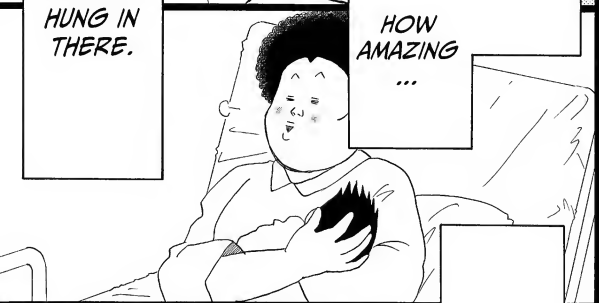
**UH, HE'S
NOT THE
FATHER.**

**YOUR
WIFE'S
A REAL
TROOPER!**

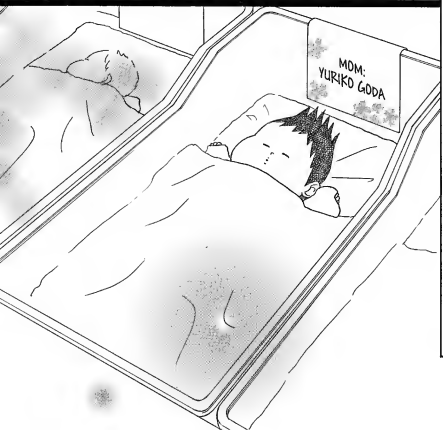


YOU
REALLY
HUNG IN
THERE.

THANK
GOOD-
NESS!

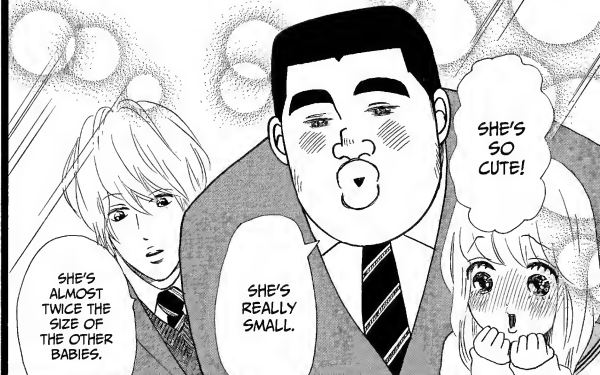


HOW
AMAZING
...



AT NINE
POUNDS
AND
FOUR
OUNCES,
YOU
REALLY
HUNG IN
THERE!

MOM:
YURIKO GODA



SHE'S
ALMOST
TWICE THE
SIZE OF
THE OTHER
BABIES.

SHE'S
REALLY
SMALL.

SHE'S
SO
CUTE!



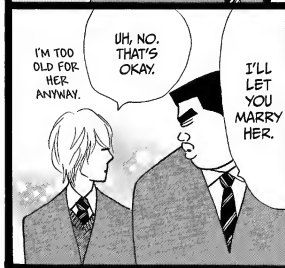
SHE'S
SOUND
ASLEEP.
HUH?



SHE'S
BEAUTIFUL.

SHE'S
SO TINY—!
I'VE NEVER
SEEN A
NEWBORN
BEFORE!

YEAH, SHE
REALLY IS
TINY.



I'M TOO
OLD FOR
HER
ANYWAY.

UH, NO.
THAT'S
OKAY.

I'LL
LET
YOU
MARRY
HER.



"TAKE
CARE
OF YOUR
BROTHER
OR
SISTER."

"REMEMBER,
DON'T TAKE
THINGS FOR
GRANTED."

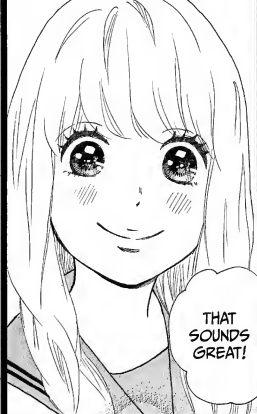
"IT'S NOT A
GIVEN THAT ALL
BABIES HAVE
THE CHANCE
TO GROW UP."

I...

*...AND
GREW UP
TO BE
BIGGER
TOO.*

*...WAS
BORN
HEALTHIER
THAN MOST
PEOPLE...*

YAMATO...



THAT
SOUNDS
GREAT!



I THINK
I'D LIKE
TO SAVE
PEOPLE'S
LIVES FOR
A LIVING.



THAT'S
REALLY
VAGUE.



I'VE STILL BEEN
THINKING OF HIM
AS A CHILD.
I DIDN'T REALIZE
HE'D GROWN UP.



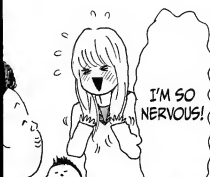
I NEVER
IMAGINED A
DAY WHEN
TAKEO WOULD
CARRY ME.





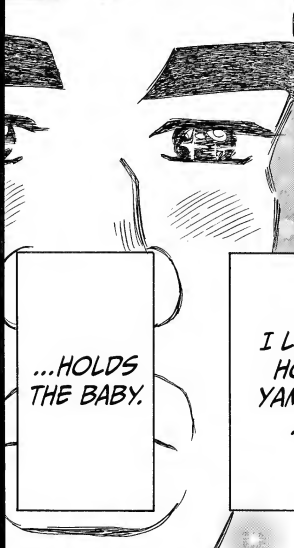
SHE'S
SO
SMALL!
AND
WARM!
AND
SOFT!

WOW!
SHE'S GOT
NAILS!
THEY'RE SO
LITTLE AND
PALE!



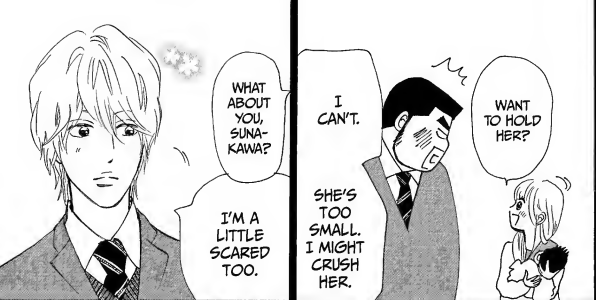
I'M SO
NERVOUS!

EEEEEE!!!



...HOLDS
THE BABY.

I LOVE
HOW
YAMATO
...



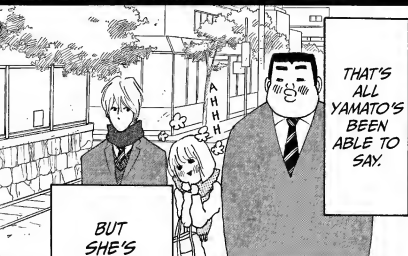
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SUNA-KAWA?

I CAN'T.

WANT TO HOLD HER?

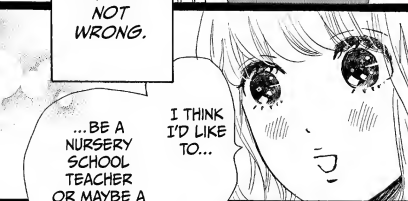
I'M A LITTLE SCARED TOO.

SHE'S TOO SMALL. I MIGHT CRUSH HER.



THAT'S ALL YAMATO'S BEEN ABLE TO SAY.

BUT SHE'S NOT WRONG.



...BE A NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER OR MAYBE A MIDWIFE...

I THINK I'D LIKE TO...



SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.



THE BABY WAS SO CUTE!

SHE'S ADORABLE!
SO SMALL
...

THOSE HANDS! AND NAILS...!



OH!

DON'T
SPOIL THE
MOMENT,
SUNA!

ONE IS
HUMANITIES
AND THE
OTHER IS
SCIENCE.
THEY'RE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT.

I'LL
SEE
WHAT
I CAN
DO!

REALLY
?



WELL,
I'M
FINE
WITH
THAT.

YOU
THINK
?!

IT'LL
PROBABLY
JUST BE
"TAKEO."
THAT'S
WHAT
EVERY-
ONE
CALLS
YOU.

I WONDER
WHAT YOUR
SISTER'S GOING
TO CALL YOU.

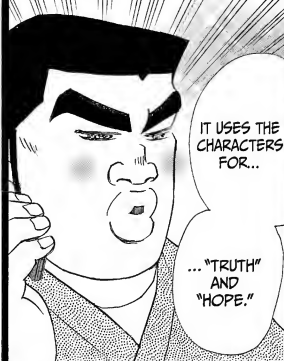
MAYBE
"BIG
BROTHER"
?

I
THINK
SO!

OR MAYBE
"BRO"...



MY
Love
STORY!!



IT USES THE
CHARACTERS
FOR...

... "TRUTH"
AND
"HOPE."



WOW!
WHAT A
GREAT
NAME.

Born: February 3, 2014
at 4:16 PM

Name: *Maki*

Father: Yutaka Goda

Mother: Yuriko Goda

Eldest Daughter

"MAKI"?

HOW IS IT
WRITTEN?





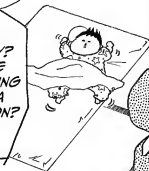
I WANT
TO SEE
HER!

YEAH.
SHE LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
FROM
DRAGON
BALL.

IS HER
HAIR STILL
STICKING
UP EVERY-
WHERE?

SHE'S
GROWING
REALLY FAST,
SO YOU'D
BETTER
COME
SOON.

REALLY?
IS SHE
EXPANDING
LIKE A
BALLOON?



IT'S
FEBRUARY.

DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
MONTH IT
IS?

HEY,
MAKI.

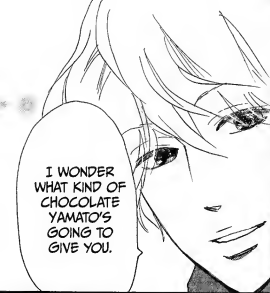




IN FEBRUARY,
THERE'S A
DAY WHEN
GIRLS GIVE
CHOCOLATE
TO THE BOYS
THEY LIKE.

IT'S A
DAY WHEN
GIRLS GIVE
CHOCOLATE
TO THE BOYS
THEY LIKE.





I WONDER
WHAT KIND OF
CHOCOLATE
YAMATO'S
GOING TO
GIVE YOU.



IS THAT
SOME
KIND OF
CHEER?



I'M SO
EXCITED
!!!



DO
YOU THINK
SHE'LL
GIVE ME
SOME?!



I'M
SURE
SHE
WILL.



OLD LADY
IZUMI, WHO
LIVES IN THE
SAME
APARTMENT
BUILDING

HAVE SOME
CHOCOLATE.
WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER,
THERE WERE
A LOT OF KIDS
LIKE YOU.

RUB
RUB

THANK
YOU FOR
DOING
THIS
EVERY
YEAR.

SUNA-
KANA'S
SISTER

I'VE ONLY
GOTTEN
OBLIGATORY
CHOCOLATE.

HERE'S
SOME
CHOCO-
LATE.

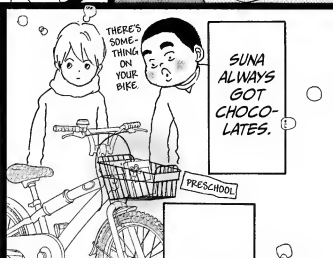
...GOTTEN
CHOCOLATE
BECAUSE A
GIRL LIKES
ME.

I'VE
NEVER...



THAT'S
HOW
IT WAS
LAST
YEAR...

...AND EVERY
VALENTINE'S
DAY BEFORE
THAT.



THERE'S
SOME-
THING
ON YOUR
BIKE.

SUNA
ALWAYS
GOT
CHOCO-
LATES.

PRESCHOOL



...BUT
I'D
KINDA
HOPE
THAT I
WOULD.

I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D GET
ANY-
THING
TOO...

MIDDLE
SCHOOL



I'M SURE SHE WILL.

YOU THINK SO?!

SHE WILL ?!

I BET YAMATO'S GOING TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING AMAZING.

BUT THIS YEAR...



YEAH... I'VE NEVER GOTTEN CHOCOLATE FROM A GIRL WHO LIKES ME BEFORE.

IT'S TRUE LOVE.

TRUE LOVE...

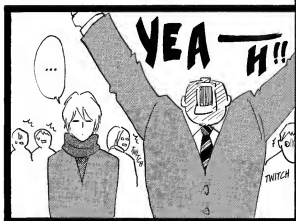


IT MAKES YOU THAT HAPPY?



OH! I WAS PLANNING TO GIVE HER A SECOND KISS ON THAT DAY...





...TO THANK
HER FOR
THE TRUE-
LOVE
CHOCOLATE!

I'LL GIVE
HER MY
SECOND
KISS...



PLEASE
TEACH ME
HOW TO MAKE
CHOCOLATES!

RINKO!



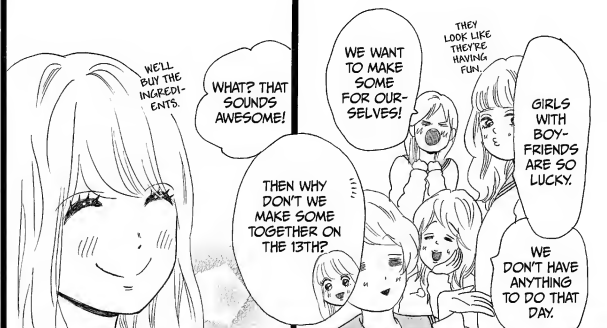
YOU'RE
A LIFE-
SAVER!

WANT TO
MAKE SOME
TOGETHER,
THEN?
I'M GOING
TO MAKE SOME
FOR TAKEO
TOO.

I'VE NEVER
MADE CANDY
BEFORE, AND
I DON'T HAVE
THE TOOLS
TO DO IT.

YEAH!

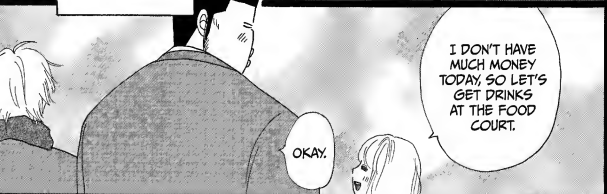
FOR
VALENTINE'S
DAY,
RIGHT?





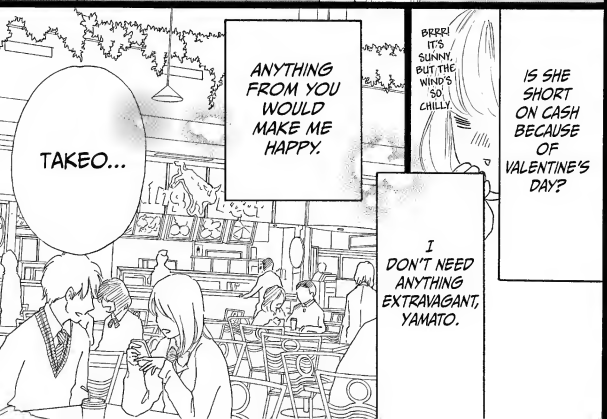
I
LOVE
HER.

HA
HA
HA!
YOU'RE
PROTECT-
ING ME!



OKAY.

I DON'T HAVE
MUCH MONEY
TODAY, SO LET'S
GET DRINKS
AT THE FOOD
COURT.



TAKEO...

ANYTHING
FROM YOU
WOULD
MAKE ME
HAPPY.

BRR!
IT'S
SUNNY,
BUT THE
WIND'S
SO
CHILLY.

IS SHE
SHORT
ON CASH
BECAUSE
OF
VALENTINE'S
DAY?

I
DON'T NEED
ANYTHING
EXTRAVAGANT,
YAMATO.

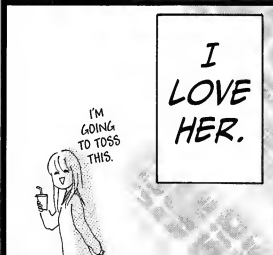


OH
NO.



I'M
TOTALLY
FREE!

ON
THE
14TH-



I'M
GOING
TO TOSS
THIS.

I
LOVE
HER.



...

SHE
DIDN'T
FINISH
WHAT
SHE WAS
GOING
TO SAY.



YOU'VE
ALREADY
FAILED
SPECTAC-
ULARLY.

THAT WAS
CLOSE.
I HAVE TO
TRY NOT
TO PUT ANY
PRESSURE
ON HER.



HA
HA

I WAS
GOING TO
ASK IF YOU
HAD ANY
PLANS.





NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT, I GUESS
THERE ARE.

NOT EVEN
REMOVEDLY
SUBTLE...



VALENTINE'S
DAY IS
COMING UP,
SO THERE'RE
TONS OF
LIMITED
EDITION
CHOCOLATES.



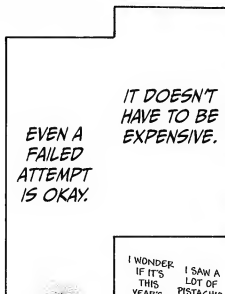
YOU COULD
EAT THAT
IN ONE
BITE.

THAT
EXPEN-
SIVE?!

LIKE,
THIS
ONE IS
2,000
YEN.

AND
SUCH
CUTE
PACK-
AGING!

THE LIMITED
EDITION
ONES ARE
SO AMAZING!
THEY'VE GOT
SUCH PRETTY
COLORS AND
SHAPES...



EVEN A
FAILED
ATTEMPT
IS OKAY.

IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE
EXPENSIVE.

I WONDER
IF IT'S
THIS
YEAR'S
SPECIAL
FLAVOR?

I SAW A
LOT OF
PISTACHIO
SWEETS.



REALLY?



THEY'RE
SO
PRETTY!
I WANT
ONE FOR
MYSELF.

THEY'RE
PROBABLY
USING
SUPER-
HIGH-
QUALITY
CACAO.



WE'RE
BEGGING
YOU!

TAKEO!

...YAMATO!

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO YOUR
CHOCO-
LATE...

...COULD WE
HANG OUT
WITH YAMATO'S
FRIENDS?

ON
FEBRUARY
14...

WE'VE
NEVER
GOTTEN
CHOCO-
LATES
ON VALEN-
TINE'S
DAY!

THAT'S VALEN-
TINE'S
DAY.

FEB-
RUARY
14?

WE'RE
PAINFULLY
AWARE OF
THAT.



DON'T YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE RELYING ON TAKEO TOO MUCH?

WE FIGURED IT'LL JUST BE MORE OF THE SAME THIS YEAR!

...HOPING WE'LL GET SOMETHING.

WE HATE SITTING AROUND...

YEAH!

MY ONLY TIME WAS IN PRE-SCHOOL—FROM A GIRL AT THE BUS STOP.

YOU'RE LUCKY! AT LEAST IT HAPPENED ONCE!

YOU'RE RIGHT...

I DON'T MIND.

I'LL ASK YAMATO.

WHAT?

HE AND YAMATO DIDN'T GET TO SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE.

WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THEM ALONE THIS TIME?

IMAGINED



I'M
GETTING
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE
FROM
YAMATO.

THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR ME.



THANK
YOU.

YOU'RE
TOO
NICE.

THANKS,
SUNA.

BEACON
OF
HOPE



COULD
BE FUN!
LET'S DO
IT!

THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE A
GREAT
IDEA!

OH! HOW
ABOUT WE
GIVE THE
BOYS THE
CHOCOLATES
WE MAKE ON
THE 13TH?

OSAMU AND I
ARE GOING
TO BE DOING
OUR OWN
THING.

YEAH,
YEAH.



HUH?
SURE.

WE
DON'T
MIND.

TAKEO'S
FRIENDS WANT
TO HANG OUT
WITH US ON
VALENTINE'S
DAY.

IS
THAT
OKAY?



NOT LIKE
WE HAVE
BOYFRIENDS
TO SPEND IT
WITH.



☑ From: Yamato

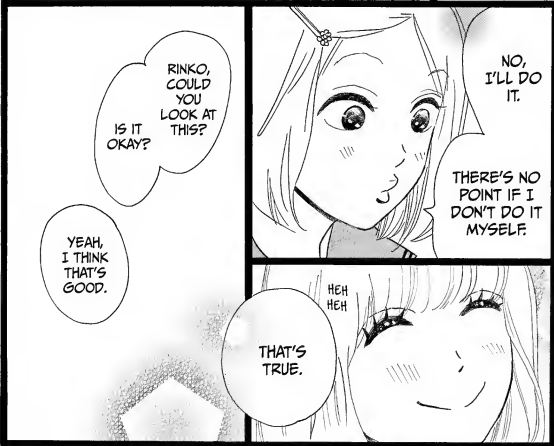
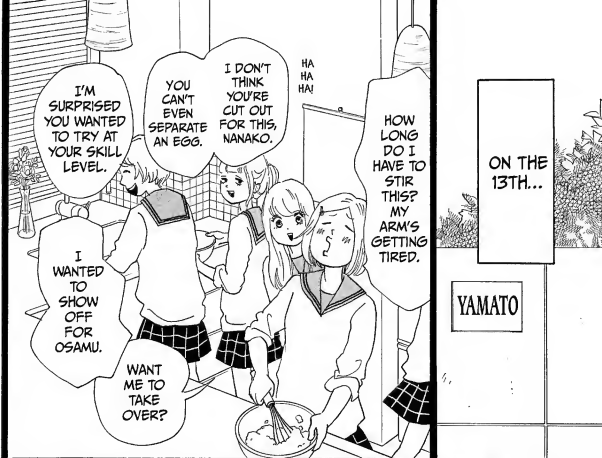
They're up
for it. ☺
Mind if we
decide where
to go? 🍫



THANKS,
YAMATO.

I'LL BET
THEY'RE
SUPER
HAPPY.







ARE ANY
OF YOU
HAPPY WITH
YOURS?

THIS IS
PRETTY FUN
WHEN I THINK
ABOUT GIVING
THESE TO THE
BOYS.

I STILL
CAN'T
TELL.

I WONDER WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO GET
CHOCOLATES FROM
A GIRL YOU'RE
NOT REALLY
INTERESTED
IN.

YOU REALLY
THINK THEY'LL
LIKE GETTING
THESE FROM
US?

MAYBE
THEY'LL
THINK IT'S
CREEPY
TO GET
HOMEMADE
CHOCO-
LATE.

TAKEO AND
I WON'T LET
THEM SAY
THAT!

HA
HA
HA!

WHOA,
RINKO'S
MAD!

VALEN-
TINE'S
DAY,
HUH?

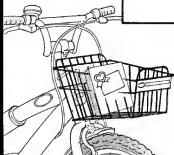


THERE
WAS A
LETTER
ATTACHED.

DUNNO.
THERE'S
NO NAME
ON IT.

WHO'S IT
FROM?

IN PRESCHOOL,
SUNA FOUND
CHOCOLATE IN
THE BASKET
OF HIS BIKE.



For Sunakawa
I don't need anything in return.
Please like me back.



I
GOT THE
FEELING
THAT IT
WAS...

...TRUE-
LOVE
CHOCO-
LATE.





SOMEDAY
YOU'LL BE
THE ONE
MAKING
DREAMS
COME TRUE,
LITTLE
SISTER.

GRIN ✨

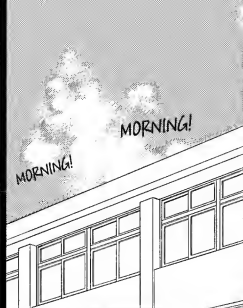
VALENTINE'S
DAY IS FULL
OF DREAMS
THIS YEAR.



...A VERY
GOOD
DAY!

IT'S...

FEB-
RUARY
14!!





HMM...



THAT'S
IT?!

I RETURN
THE FAVOR
ON WHITE
DAY* AND
THAT'S IT.

REALLY
?!

YEAH,
THAT'S
IT.

*ON MARCH 14, GUYS GIVE
CHOCOLATES TO GIRLS IN RETURN
FOR THE ONES THEY RECEIVE.



BUT
I'VE...

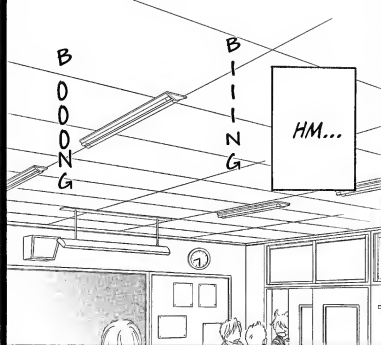
...NEVER BEEN
INTERESTED IN
ANYONE...

...THE WAY
YOU HAVE.



I CAN'T
IMAGINE
TAKING
THINGS ANY
FURTHER
THAN THAT.

I GUESS IF
YOU WERE
INTERESTED
IN SOMEONE,
YOU'D START
DATING THEM.





I GOT A
TEXT SAYING
THEY'RE
HERE
ALREADY.



LOOKS
LIKE THIS
IS THE
PLACE!



HAVE A
SEAT.

HELLO!

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE!

WHERE
SHOULD
WE
SIT?

YEAH.



HI,
TAKEO!

HEY!



...HERE
ARE SOME
CHOCOLATE
COOKIES
WE MADE
YESTERDAY.

AND SINCE
TODAY IS
VALENTINE'S
DAY...

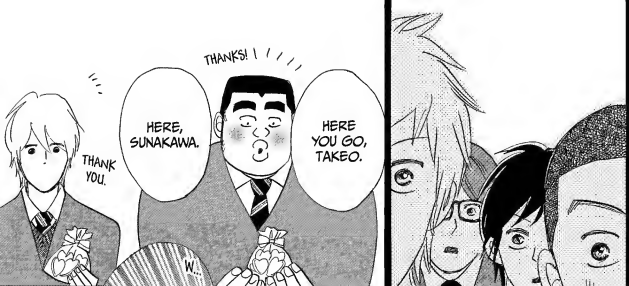
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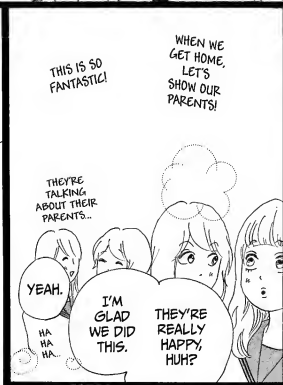
WE'VE
BEEN
WANTING
TO...

...COME
HERE
FOR A
WHILE
NOW.

UH-
HUH.

YEAH?





I
LOVE
HER.

SHH!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

WHAT?
WHY? WE
COULDN'T
LET YOU
DO THAT.

LET US
TREAT
YOU
TODAY.

SOME-
THING
TO
EAT.

LET'S GET
SOME-
THING
ELSE.

WE
ALREADY
ORDERED
DRINKS.

LET'S ORDER
SOMETHING!



CAFÉ BLEND

CAFÉ AU LAIT

HOT CHOCOLAT

EARL

FRE

RO

CHOCO-
LATE...

OH!

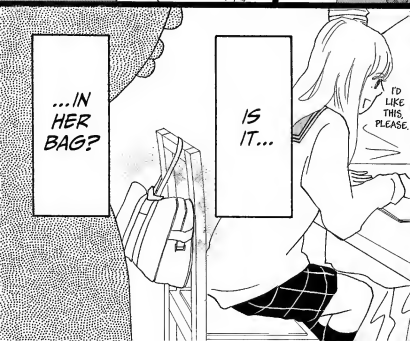
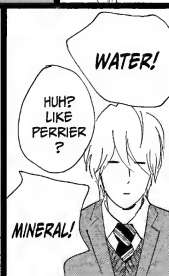
WHAT'LL
YOU
HAVE,
TAKEO
?

IT'S TO
THANK
YOU!



OH?

THEY'VE
THOUGHT
THIS
THROUGH.





THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

...

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT MY BAG?

THE TRUE-LOVE CHOCOLATE...

OUR SCHOOL COLDRES ARE PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.

YEAH, IT'S CHOCOLATE-COLORED.

CH-CHOC-



WILL SHE GIVE IT TO ME WHEN WE'RE ALONE?

WOW, THAT'S AMAZING, TAKED! YOU GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF CHOCOLATES!



CHOC-

O-

L-

A-

T-

E...

G-

LI-

CO!

AH

HA

HA!

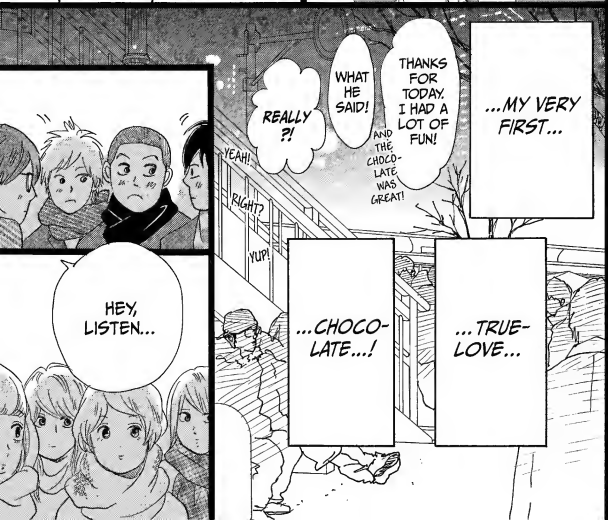
HA

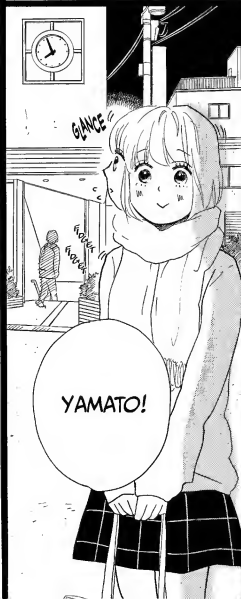
HA

HA!

REMEMBER PLAYING THAT GAME...

...







ACTUALLY,
I HAVE
TO
HURRY
HOME.

YOU GO
BACK
TO YOUR
PLACE.

I
HAD FUN
TODAY!

SEE
YOU!

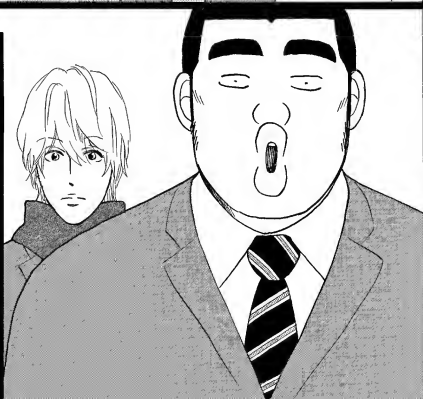
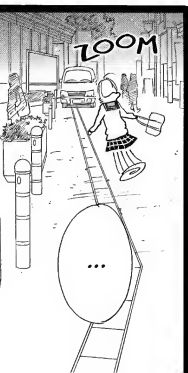
BYE,
EVERY-
ONE!



I'LL
WALK
YOU
HOME!



OH! BYE,
RINKO!



...ANY
CHOCO-
LATE?

DID I
GET...

HMM?

SEE YOU!
WE'RE
GOING
THIS WAY.

THANKS A
BUNCH!

SHE'S
ALWAYS
GIVING ME
THINGS,
SO MAYBE
SHE DIDN'T
BOTHER
TODAY.

HM.

...ONCE
YOU START
DATING, YOU
DON'T GIVE
CHOCOLATE
ANYMORE?

NO, I
DIDN'T.

PUSH

PUSH

TAKEO!

meiji
milk chocolate

I
GUESS
MAYBE...

YOU'RE
GOING
THE
WRONG
WAY,
TAKEO.



I
SEE...



SURE.

MRS.
IZUMI GOT
THIS FOR
YOU FOR
VALENTINE'S
DAY.
MAKE
SURE TO
THANK HER
IF YOU SEE
HER.



MAYBE
THERE'S
NO SUCH
THING.

...



YOUR
BROTHER
DIDN'T GET A
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE.

MAKI...

THAT
MAY BE
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...

I
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD
HER SO.

I WANTED A
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE
FROM
YAMATO.

...BUT I
WANTED
ONE
ANYWAY.

"HERE
YOU GO,
TAKEO."

"HERE
ARE SOME
CHOCOLATE
COOKIES
WE MADE
YESTERDAY."

WAIT A
SECOND
...

CHOCO-
LATE...!

IT'S MY
FAULT FOR NOT
TELLING HER
HOW MUCH IT
MEANT TO
ME.

HUH?

I
ACTUALLY
GOT
SOME!

I DID GET
CHOCOLATE!



SHE WAS
SO SUBTLE
ABOUT IT
THAT I DIDN'T
REALIZE
IT WAS
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE.

YAMATO WAS
PROBABLY
TRYING TO BE
CONSIDERATE
OF THE
OTHERS BY
MAKING MINE
THE SAME AS
EVERYONE
ELSE'S!

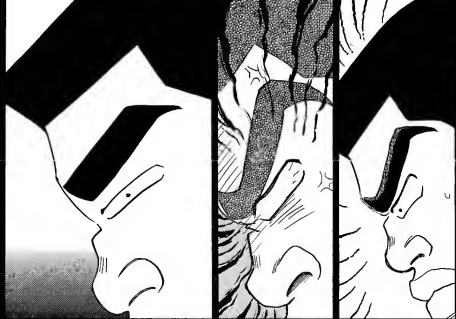
OH!!

I ATE IT
WITHOUT
SAVORING
IT!

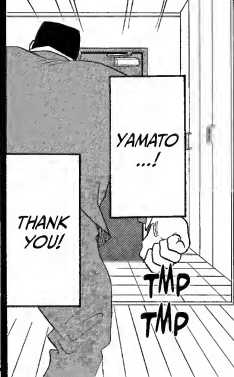
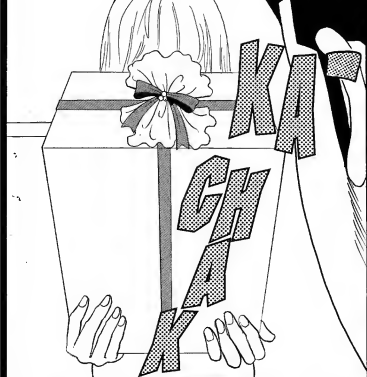
I
WANTED
TO TRULY
APPRECIATE
MY FIRST
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE!

I'M
SUCH
AN
IDIOT! WHAT
HAVE I
DONE
?!









I WAS JUST
WONDERING
HOW I WAS
GOING TO
RING THE
DOORBELL.

PERFECT
TIMING,
TAKEO!



THE TOP PART
WAS TOO BIG,
SO I HAD TO
MAKE A BOX
FOR IT.

SINCE IT'S
VALENTINE'S,
I JUST HAD
TO MAKE
SOMETHING
AMAZING!

I
BROUGHT
YOUR
VALENTINE'S
DAY
CHOCO-
LATE.

HERE!



I WAS SO
EXCITED
ABOUT IT
THAT I MADE
TONS OF
MISTAKES.

I WAS SO
NERVOUS!

I'VE NEVER
MESSED
UP ON THE
TEMPERING,
EVEN BACK
IN GRADE
SCHOOL.

I HAD TO
HURRY
TO FINISH
DECORATING
IT.

I DIDN'T
THINK I'D
FINISH IT
TODAY.

I'M SO
GLAD I
MANAGED
TO,
THOUGH!

OH,
GOOD.





EARLIER ?

OH!
NO, THOSE
WERE FOR
EVERYONE.

BUT YOU
GAVE ME
CHOCOLATE
EARLIER...

THIS
ONE'S
SPECIAL!

IT'S
SPECIAL...

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I'LL COME
HOLD HER
ANOTHER
TIME THEN.

SURE!
ANYTIME.

SHE
SURE HAS.
SHE'S
BATHING
WITH HER
FATHER
RIGHT
NOW.

HAS MAKI
GOTTEN
BIGGER?

...TO
ME AND
YAMATO.



GOOD
EVENING.

OH!
HELLO,
MISS
YAMATO.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH,
YAMATO.



I'M SO
GLAD I
GOT TO
GIVE
THAT
TO YOU
TODAY.

WELL,
I'M
GOING
NOW!
BYE!

YEAH!
THANK
YOU.

DASH

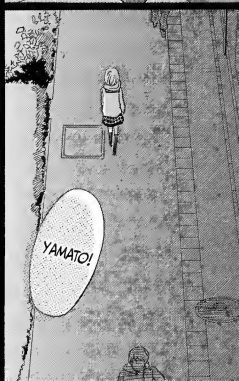
THANK
YOU FOR
GIVING ME
TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE.

OH!

SHING

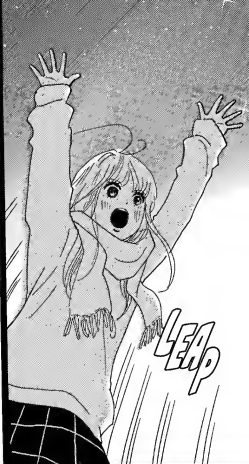
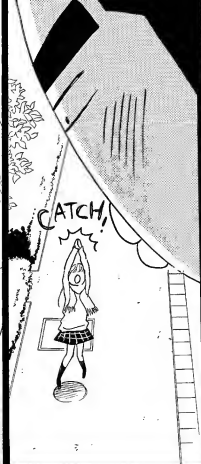


THANK
YOU!



YAMATO!

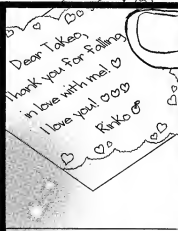




I
LOVE
HER
SO
MUCH.



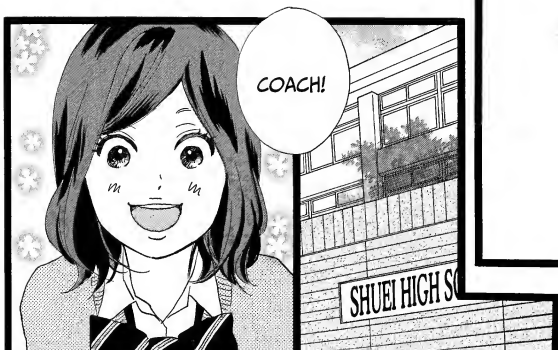
SHIP



...TRUE-LOVE
CHOCOLATE.

MY VERY
FIRST...







...ANY GIRL
WHO'D FALL
IN LOVE WITH
YOU MUST BE
GREAT.



I
THINK...



BUT...

...TONS OF
GIRLS HAVE
GIVEN HIM
CHOCOLATE.



NONE OF
THE GIRLS
WHO'VE
CONFERSED
THEIR LOVE
TO SUNA...

...EVER
HAD NICE
THINGS
TO SAY
ABOUT
ME.

THAT'S WHY
HE TURNED
THEM ALL
DOWN.

NO
THANKS.

I DON'T
LIKE
YOU

NO
WAY.

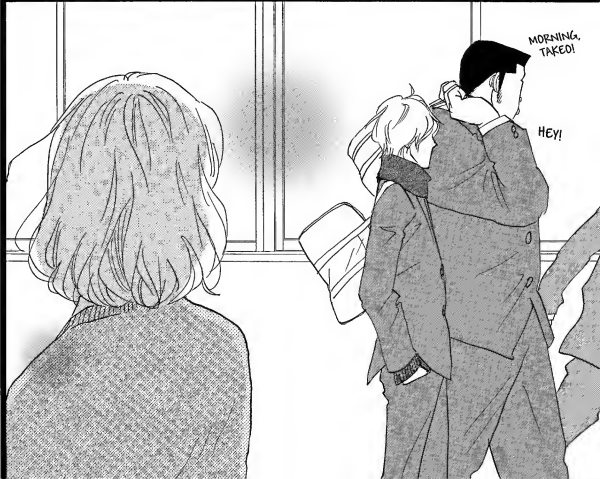


...WHO
DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING BAD
ABOUT
ME.

THERE
MUST
BE ONE
GIRL...



TO: MAKOTO SUKAWA
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING
IN RETURN
PLEASE LIKE ME BACK

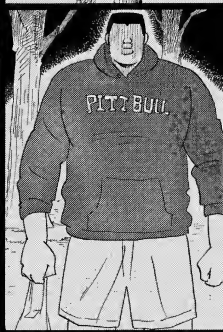


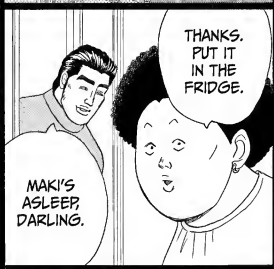
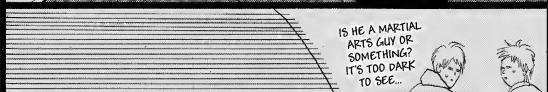
MORNING,
TAKEO!

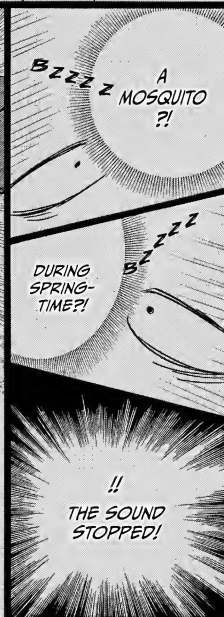
HEY!

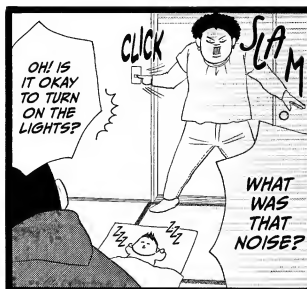


MY *Love* **STORY!!**









SO
THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED.

I REACTED
TO EVEN THE
TINIEST PIN
DROPPING.



I WAS LIKE
THAT AFTER
I GAVE
BIRTH TO
YOU.

THAT'S
REALLY
COOL!

WOW!
SO YOUR
SENSES
GOT
SHARPER TO
PROTECT
MAKI.

YOUR SENSES
GET MUCH
SHARPER.

IT MUST BE
A NATURAL
PROTECTIVE
INSTINCT.

MAKE
YOURSELVES
AT HOME.

"BOOK."

BURBLES

BABY
BOOK

THR
I
LOVE
HER.

(WITH SHARPENED SENSES!)

"REALLY
COOL"...

OB

I THINK IT'D BE
HILARIOUS IF SHE
STARTED CALLING
YOU "BROTHER"
IN ENGLISH.

IS HE
HAVING
FUN?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

TRYING TO
TEACH HER
ENGLISH.

"APPLE."

"FLOWER."

NA
AA
HI

HEY!!

TAKEO,
SHE'S
REALLY
STRONG.

CLAMP

SEE?

WHOA!

SHE
WON'T
LET
GO.

ARE YOU
OKAY,
MAKI?!

CUT
THAT
OUT!

I
HAD
NO
IDEA.

SUNAKAWA
SURE LIKES
KIDS, HUH?

HE
LOOKS
SO KIND
RIGHT
NOW!

YEAH.



I
WANT
TO
ANYWAY.

THEN WALK
WITH ME
PARTWAY.

I WANT
TO BE
WITH HER
AWHILE
LONGER.



NO
PROBLEM.
I'LL WALK
YOU
HOME.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO.
IT'S STILL
EARLY.



THANKS
FOR
HAVING
ME.



HMM?!

GLARE!!



SORRY, I
WANT TO
GO TO THE
BOOKSTORE.

WAS I
IMAGINING
THINGS?

I'M
HEADED
THIS
WAY.

OKAY.

A
CROW
...

FLAP

...

HER
VALENTINE'S
DAY
CHOCOLATE!

NO,
NOT AT
ALL!

WAS THE
VALENTINE'S
DAY
CHOCOLATE...

...OVER
THE
TOP?

LATELY
I'VE HAD
THE FEELING
THAT I'M
BEING
FOLLOWED
AND
WATCHED.

IS MY
INSTINCT TO
PROTECT
MY SISTER
MAKING ME
TWITCHY?



**IT REALLY
TASTED LIKE
CHOCOLATE!**

**IT
MADE
ME SO
HAPPY.**

**THAT
CHOCO-
LATE...**

REALLY?

**IT WAS
DELICIOUS.
THANKS.**

**IT'S
TRUE!**



**I'M GLAD IT
WASN'T TOO
MUCH!**

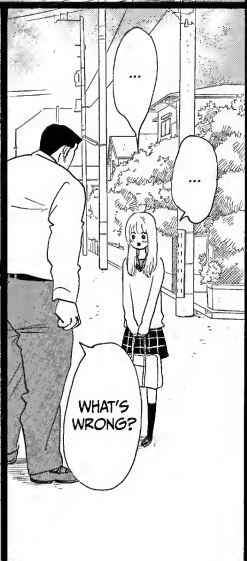
**WHY
CAN'T
I SAY
ANYTHING
SMART?**



**RIGHT.
OBVIOUSLY
IT DID.**

**HA
HA**

**YEAH,
I'M SURE
IT DID.**





SO I
WANT TO
GIVE HER
SOME-
THING IN
RETURN!

I WANT TO
TELL HER
HOW I
FEEL, BUT
I HAVE NO
IDEA HOW
TO DO
IT!

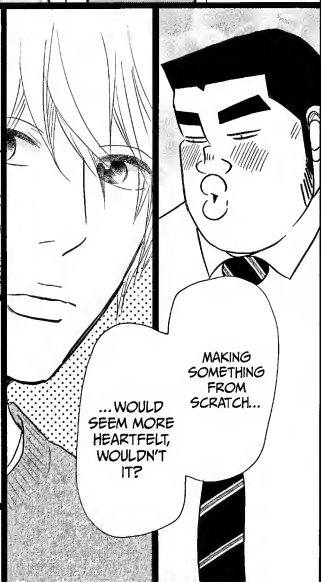
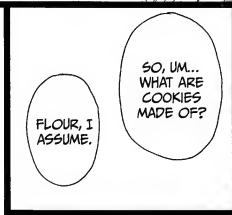
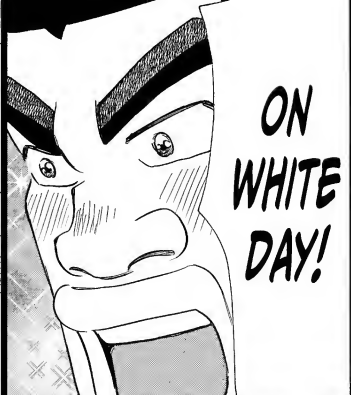
THAT'S
GOOD.

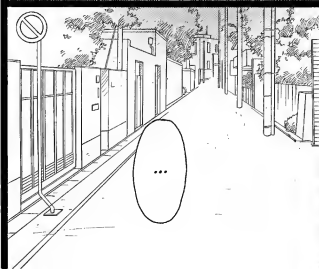
I'M SO
GRATEFUL
TO YAMATO
FOR MAKING
ME FEEL
THIS WAY.

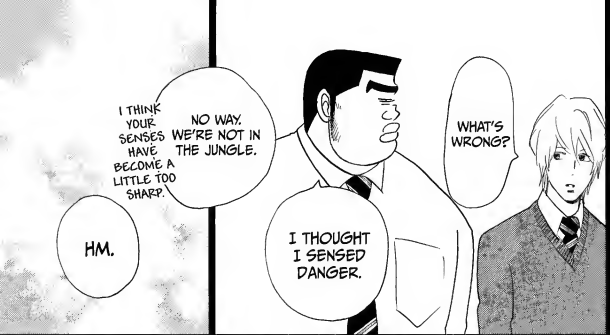
SO YOU
KEEP
TELLING
ME.

I WAS
REALLY
TOUCHED
BY VALEN-
TINE'S
DAY THIS
YEAR!

WE JUST
SAW EACH
OTHER.
WHAT HAP-
PENED?







SIFT THE
FLOUR AND
FOLD IT
INTO THE
MIXTURE...

...UNTIL
IT'S WELL
BLENDED.

IS THAT
A RICE
PADDLE?

WELL, I
GUESS
IT'LL DO.

MIX
MIX

GLINT

OKAY!

MIX THE
BUTTER AND
SUGAR WITH
A WOODEN
SPOON
UNTIL
CREAMY.

RECIPE SEARCH
ENGINE

MOM,
WE NEED
CUTTERS!

THEY'RE
IN THE
SECOND
DRAWER!

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
COOKIE
CUTTERS?

SLAM!
SLAM!

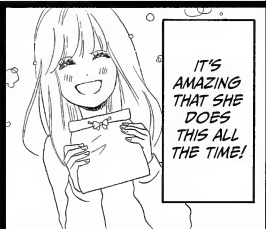
IS HE
MAKING
UDON
NOODLES
IN THERE?

I WANTED
STARS...

...OR
MAYBE
HEARTS.

THEY'RE
A LITTLE
TOO
FANCY.

THEY'RE THE
ONE'S MOM
USES FOR
CARROTS ON
NEW YEAR'S





701
SUNAKAWA

OH, NO
ONE'S HOME.
IS YOUR
MOM AT
WORK?

HELLO!
SORRY
FOR
BARGING
IN!

YEAH.





THAT'S YOU
THOUGH.

I LOVE
HOMEMADE
THINGS

NOT
EVERYONE
LIKES
HOMEMADE
STUFF.

WHY DON'T
YOU GIVE
SOME OF
THE COOKIES
WE'RE
BAKING?

WE'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TOO
MANY.



I'M SURE
SHE'D LIKE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

BUT
YAMATO-



ESPECIALLY
FROM
SOMEONE
YOU DON'T
KNOW
WELL...



SUNA...

BUT FOR
SOME
REASON...

...I NEVER
FEEL LIKE
GETTING
TO KNOW
ANY OF
THEM.



THERE HAS
TO BE AT
LEAST ONE
GIRL WHO
GAVE YOU
CHOCOLATES
WHO NEVER
BADMOUTHED
ME.

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
RIGHT. IF I
TALKED TO
THEM, THERE
MIGHT BE
SOMEONE
NICE.





...I'D LIKE TO
GO OUT WITH
SOMEONE I
REALLY LOVE,
JUST LIKE
YOU.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHEN IT'LL
HAPPEN,
BUT...



BUT I
WON'T
KNOW HOW
THINGS'LL
TURN OUT
UNTIL I
FALL IN
LOVE.

I MIGHT EVEN
FALL IN LOVE
WITH SOMEONE
HORRIBLE.

CLATTER

THAT
MAKES
SENSE.

YEAH.

I THINK
THAT'S
BEST.

I
SEE.



ANY
GIRL WHO
MAKES YOU
UNHAPPY
WILL HAVE
TO DEAL
WITH
ME!



NO,
WAIT...

I'D
SUPPORT
YOU NO
MATTER
WHO YOU
CHOSE,
BUT...

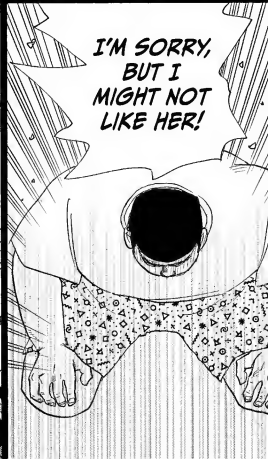


I...

GR



PEEF



I'M SORRY,
BUT I
MIGHT NOT
LIKE HER!



AH
HA
HA
HA!

THIS
IS WHAT
FRIENDS
ARE FOR.

"EVERYBODY
WANTS TO
SEE THEIR
FRIENDS
HAPPY."

OH.

I
SEE...

THERE
ISN'T
ANYONE
LIKE THAT,
ANYWAY.

SINCE YOU
INSIST, I'LL
TRY NOT TO
DO THAT.

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO PUT THESE
IN WHEN YOU
GIVE THEM
TO HER?

YAMATO'S
BAKING
ALWAYS
LOOKS
SO PRO-
FESSIONAL!

DING!

AH,
THEY'RE
DONE.

THEY
LOOK
PALE,
DON'T
THEY?

I
AGREE.

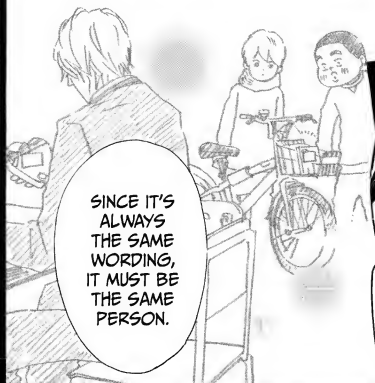
LET'S
GIVE
THEM
FIVE
MORE
MINUTES.

I THINK
WE SHOULD
MAKE THEM
A LITTLE
BROWNER.

SHE'S
AMAZING.









Are you free on March 14?

If you are, let's meet up!



From: Yamato
White Day??

☺ I couldn't help mentioning it. ㇿㇿ
I tried to pretend that I didn't know it
was White Day, but it was no use! ㇿㇿ



I HOPE
SHE'LL
LIKE IT.





MARCH
14TH...



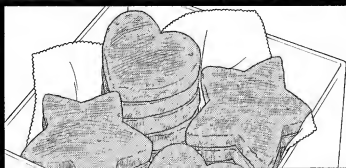


I WANT
TO SEE!
CAN I
OPEN IT
?!

THAT'S
AWESOME!
SHE COULD
TELL JUST BY
LOOKING AT
THE BOX!

LET'S
SIT
DOWN.

SURE.





IT
SEEMS
LIKE...

...SUCH A
WASTE TO
JUST EAT
THESE!



NOPE, NOT
AT ALL!
THEY'RE
DELICIOUS!



TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP

STARE

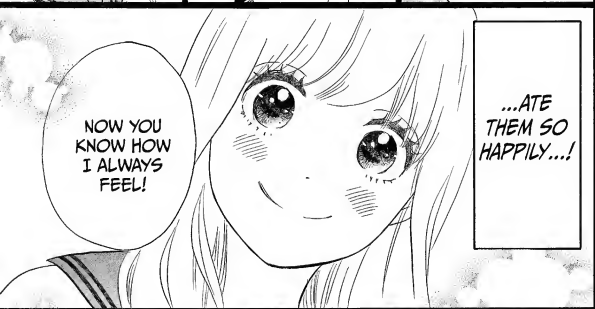
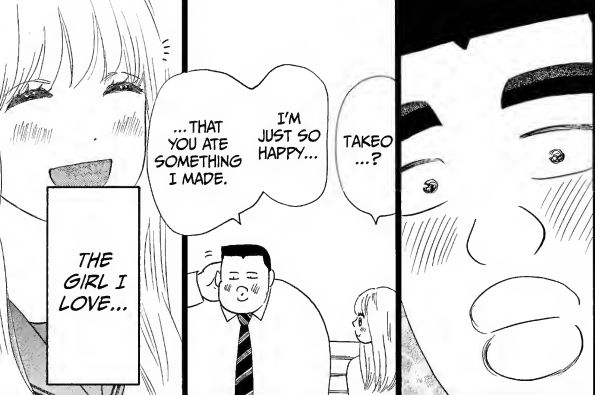
ARE...
ARE THEY
TOO HARD
?
THEY ARE,
AREN'T THEY
?!



THANKS
SO
MUCH!

DO YOU
MIND IF
I HAVE
SOME?

NOT AT
ALL.



THANKS
AGAIN!

THAT'S
GREAT!

NO, SUNA
HELPED
ME.

HE WAS
TEACHING ME
HOW ON THE
SIDE.

THIS IS
SO GREAT.
DID YOU
MAKE THESE
ON YOUR
OWN?

I FEEL
LIKE WE
JUST
STARTED
GOING
OUT.

I KNOW,
RIGHT?
!

IT'S
ALREADY
MARCH,
HUH?

THIS'LL
BE OUR
SECOND
SPRING
TOGETHER.

ALREADY?!
THAT WAS
SO FAST.



IT FEELS
SO NATURAL
TO HAVE
YAMATO
WITH ME...

...BUT
IT ALSO
FEELS
SO
SPECIAL.

...

...WE'VE
ALREADY
KISSED.

...YET... AND...



YAMATO?

THANK
YOU FOR
FALLING IN
LOVE WITH
ME.



ME
TOO!



I
LOVE
YOU.



OH,
TAKEO.
YOU'RE
BACK.



WHEN I
FELL IN
LOVE WITH
HER, I HAD
NO IDEA
WE'D START
DATING.



SUNA...



YEAH.

DID YOU
GIVE
HER THE
COOKIES
?



CONGRATU-
LATIONS.

**BUT IT
SURE
WORKED
OUT
GREAT!**



I SAID
THAT BY
MISTAKE.

RICE
CRACK-
ERS?

AND I HOPE
SHE LIKES
HOMEMADE
RICE
CRACKERS.

I WANT
YOU TO FIND
SOMEONE
RIGHT NOW!

I HOPE
YOU FIND
SOMEONE
YOU LIKE!



I
HOPE IT'S
SOMEONE
WHO CAN
LAUGH
WITH US...

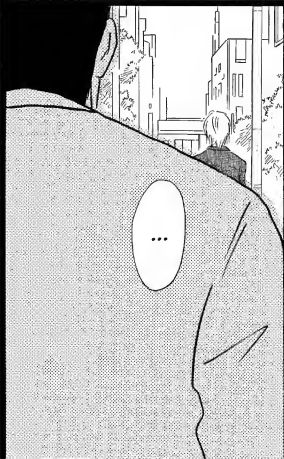


...AS
WE EAT
COOKIES
THAT HAVE
GOTTEN
AS HARD
AS RICE
CRACKERS.

THAT'S A
PRETTY
BIG
MISTAKE.



HEY,
SUNA?



...



GO ON
AHEAD.

?

OKAY,
SEE YOU
LATER.





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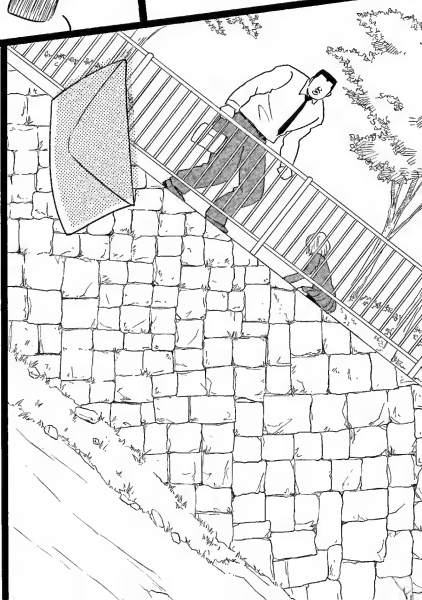
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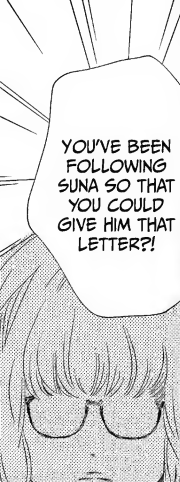
OH!

SPLISH



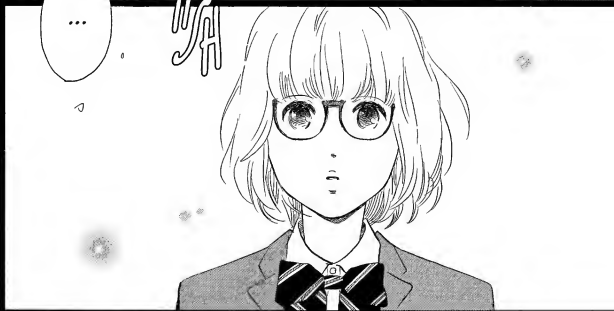
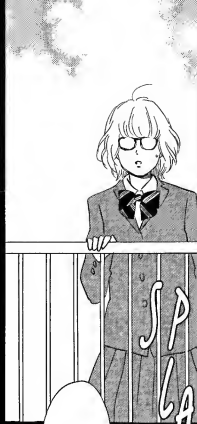
A
LETTER
?

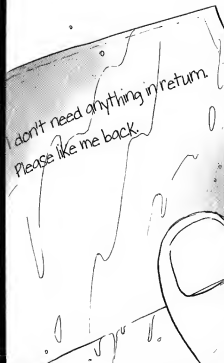




LETTER FOR
SUNAKAWA
↓
WANTS TO
GIVE IT TO
HIM
↓
FOLLOWING
HIM







"SINCE IT'S
ALWAYS
THE SAME
WORDING,
IT MUST BE
THE SAME
PERSON."

"SHE
WRITES
THE SAME
MESSAGE
EVERY
YEAR."

"I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
IN RETURN.
PLEASE
LIKE ME
BACK."





I have the tendency to shorten titles. Even though *My Love Story!!* isn't very long, I'll shorten it to "My!!" when I email my editor. It makes me realize how long I've been working on it. It makes me happy. Whether it be "My" or "Takeo," I'm fine with whatever you call it. I don't mind if you call him "Ta-ke-o," "Tuh-kay-oh" or "Ta-keh-ou." Thank you for your support. And of course, it makes me very happy when you use the full title—*My Love Story!!*

—Kazune Kawahara



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Thank you for volume 6. It's volume 6!! I've never drawn a manga series that used the same characters for this long before. I'm really happy to be able to spend so much time with such fun people (Takeo and friends). Thank you, everyone and Kawahara Sensei! I look forward to your continued support.

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